

THE COTTAGE

Floated Off Down the Swollen River.

Father, Mother and their Children Held as Prisoners.

They Practically Call to the shore for Help, But There Were No Boats at Hand to Give Them Aid—Harrowing Scene at Columbus, O.

COLUMBUS, O., May 3.—The hundreds of people who assembled in the suburbs Tuesday to watch the great flood caused by the overflow of the Scioto River witnessed a harrowing spectacle. Tossed about upon the turbulent current and rushing onward at a frightful speed was a little frame cottage containing a man, woman and their children. The house had been washed from the lowlands just south of the Green Lawn bridge and carried into the river. No one knows who inhabited it nor just where it had been located.

The breaking of the levee on the west side of the river had caught the family unprepared and whirled them away, perhaps to death. The mother of the family could be seen at the windows crying piteously for help, but no one could respond, as there were no boats near at the time. Efforts to ascertain the fate of the floaters have been unavailing. The breaking of the levee flooded thousands of acres of land in the southwest corner of the city, and many families were forced to flee for their safety, there being numerous escapes from drowning.

As far as the eye can reach only half submerged rocks, smoke-stacks and tree-tops mark the spot where one day ago was situated a pretty section of the suburbs. Many people, further north are going to and from their residences in boats. The live stock all along the southwestern portion of the city, where the river has been turned loose and has taken to the hills. Over 1,500 men have been thrown out of employment by the flooding of the factories along the river bank. The water is now slowly falling, and it is hoped that the worst is past.

William Harlow, of Lakeside, looking over the river, was in the city Tuesday, and states that the flood in that vicinity is still causing much anxiety. The great basin is full and overflowing, a small towpath being submerged. A sluiceway forty feet wide was cut in the embankment two miles above Lakeside, relieving a small degree of the pressure in the reservoir, but the water is still five inches above the danger line.

INDIANA BANKERS

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 3.—State Bank Examiner Teters reports that the state banks have an abundance of gold, altogether fully \$2,000,000. Without exception he has found the bankers willing to offer it to the government whenever it may be necessary to maintain the public credit. The examiner also reports that, while there is a stringency in the money market, the stringency is not worse than usual this time of year, when farmers are taking money to put in crops, and manufacturers of farming implements are beginning to make payments, and yet have not begun to realize on their sales.

A Rumored Royal Marriage

LONDON, May 3.—The star says that a rumor is being circulated persistently in naval circles that the duke of York has been married secretly to the daughter of an English naval officer at Malta. It is added that the prince's unexpected departure on his present tour was not unconnected with this rumored matrimonial adventure.

An Ohio Village Submerged

ZANESVILLE, O., May 3.—At daybreak, twenty miles south of here, the entire village is submerged and great distress is reported. Two hundred and fifty acres of the Marican farm, which is the country, is covered by from six to ten feet of water. All wheat, corn and grass lands are ruined in this valley.

Entertaining Guests

LUTHERAN, May 3.—The city entertained Tuesday not only the German emperor and his spouse, but also a Maharajah, who has arrived here for a transient stay. He is on his way to Chicago, where he will visit the exposition. In a few days he will depart for New York.

Crook Batty Beaten

COLUMBUS, O., May 3.—John Mitchell, a crook, who has done time in the Joliet, Jeffersonville and Columbus penitentiaries, was captured here Tuesday night by Detective Smith for a recent jewelry burglary. He resisted desperately and was beaten into insensibility.

Commissioner Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, May 3.—It can be authoritatively stated that Commissioner Roosevelt will continue in office as civil service commissioner. It is supposed that he will not serve for governor of New York on the republican ticket this autumn, as has been suggested.

Ice Deserting Quebec

QUEBEC, May 3.—The ice jam at Cape Rouge moved about 10 o'clock Monday night and started to come down the river with the tide. The river opposite here is now full of floating ice. This probably means the end of blockade between Quebec and Montreal.

Liberty Granted a Woman

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 3.—Mrs. Ida L. Marsh, who was sentenced to the female reformatory for the murder of her husband, but accidentally shot and wounded Barney McCoy, an innocent spectator, Tuesday was pardoned by the governor.

Cleveland at Home

WASHINGTON, May 3.—President Cleveland and those members of his cabinet and their ladies who accompanied him to Chicago, returned to the city Tuesday evening, reaching here about 6 o'clock.

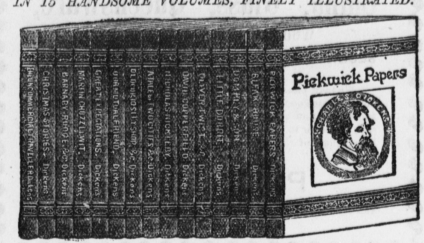
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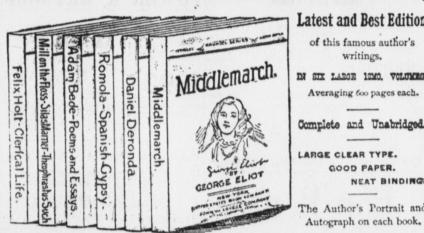
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THE MISSISSIPPI

On a Rampage in the Vicinity of St. Louis.—A Great Flood Can Not Be Averted.

St. Louis, May 3.—The river is steadily rising and a great flood can not be averted. Many villages in this vicinity are already submerged. The collapse of a warehouse caused the death of one person Monday. The people along the lowlands and in the exposed districts of this city are greatly alarmed. The rushing torrent of the Ohio at Cairo tends to keep the water this side of the Ohio's mouth back, and while this of course will prolong the period of high water, yet it prevents the swift currents which are so disastrous to embankments and levees.

The water has caused the abandonment of the greater portion of east Carondelet. The telegraph office of the St. Louis connecting railway was wrecked, and several small buildings washed away. The body of a man was washed ashore near the site of the wrecked telegraph office.

In east St. Louis the water in Cahokia creek is within three feet of last year's flood level.

At Belleville, Richland creek has overflowed its banks and filled many basements. Several manufacturing establishments have been forced to shut down, their better rooms being inundated. On this side of the river, North St. Louis is, so far, the worst sufferer.

The district of squatters known as "Oklahoma" is now a vast lake, with here and there a hastily vacated shanty protruding a few feet above the water's surface.

South of the city proper the lowlands are flooded and the squatters have been forced to vacate their shanties and grounded flatboats. All, or nearly all, their few possessions have been washed away.

Traders coming in from the East say that water practically covers all of Brooklyn, and that numbers of people are moving out of their houses.

Unless, too, is again to suffer, as the flood is encroaching rapidly on that place.

NEW PENSION RULES.

To Do Away With Alleged Lax Methods of Granting Pensions.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The pension office, Tuesday, gave another indication of the purpose of the administration to do away with the alleged lax methods of granting pensions and of requiring claimants to produce satisfactory proof from responsible parties that they are entitled to pensions.

"Machine-made affidavits," said the acting commissioner of pensions Tuesday, "will hereafter be returned to the senders for compliance with our new rules. These new rules rescind the order permitting acceptance of affidavits wholly in print, and in the future affidavits must be in writing."

Another order modifies in an important respect the procedure under the dependent and disability act of 1890. Hereafter all that was required of a claimant, as respects the disability for which pension is asked not being due to vicious habits on the part of the applicant, was his own statement that it was not incurred through such habits. Hereafter he must have two credible witnesses to his averment that his disability was not caused by vicious habits, and these witnesses must state their reasons for the statement and the basis for their belief.

COMING OVER.

European Emigrants Getting Ahead of the New Immigration Law.

New York, May 3.—There is a big rush of immigrants headed for New York. Thousands of immigrants are now on the ocean bound for America. The reason for the rush is the large influx of future citizens is that the new immigration law goes into effect Wednesday. Steamer passengers on all steamships leaving foreign ports on and after May 3 will be subjected to a new system of questions at Ellis Island, and will come under the control of the new law.

To forestall this many have already taken passage, and they will be here in swarms next week. Ten thousand immigrants have left Marseilles on the eleven steamships which have just sailed from that port, the Belgravia bringing 1,400. There are 15,000 more bound from Bremen and there is a migration from other ports equally as great.

English Papers on the World's Fair.

LONDON, May 3.—The English newspapers devote an unenvied amount of space to the opening of the World's fair at Chicago, and their leading articles on the subject express hearty good will toward the enterprise and hope for its success. The daily news published a special dispatch three volumes in length, describing the opening of the fair.

Kills Her Daughter and Herself.

VANALIA, May 3.—Tuesday morning, near Mulberry Grove, Mrs. Elizabeth Harper, wife of a wealthy farmer, cut the throat of her daughter Alice, called in a physician and then cut her own throat with the same weapon. She was insane.

Confagration at Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 3.—A fire, which broke out in the Power building, a great six-story structure on Third street, near Green, and shortly before midnight, destroyed and damaged thirty-five buildings and caused loss of between \$500,000 and \$600,000.

Minister Goy in Mexico.

CITY OF MEXICO, May 3.—Via Galveston—Isaac S. Bussey Gray, the U. S. minister to Mexico, arrived Tuesday. A banquet in his honor was given by the residents Tuesday evening, ex-Minister Ryan presiding.

Wrecking Tug Burned.

CLEVELAND, O., May 3.—The big wrecking tug Sea Gull was destroyed by fire Tuesday night. The tug was towing the wrecked steamer Ohio from Detroit to Chicago.

Cherries For the Duke.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 3.—The first box of California cherries for 1893 was shipped Monday to the duke of Victoria, one of the managers of the California exhibit of the World's fair.

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